

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The claims are amended by the present response to be properly renumbered in view of claim 48 not previously being presented. Previously numbered claims 49-59 are now renumbered as claims 48-58.

Claims 1-5 and 10-58 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5 and 14-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 3, 5, 18, 19, 22, 23, 30, 31, 36, 37, 42, 43, 46, 47, 53, and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent 6,148,090 to Narioka. Claims 15, 40, and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent 6,353,795 to Ranjan. Claims 15, 40, and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent 6,459,986 to Boyce et al. (herein “Boyce”). Claims 10-13, 20, 21, 24-29, 32-35, 38, 39, 44, 45, 49-52, and 55-59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Narioka in view of Ranjan. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over Narioka in view of U.S. patent 5,991,688 to Fukushima et al. (herein “Fukushima”). Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Narioka in view of Ranjan and in further view of Fukushima.

Addressing first the rejection of claims 1-5 and 14-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, that rejection is traversed by the present response.

The above-noted claims were first rejected as the reference to the “multi-dimensional structure” was unclear. In response to that position that feature is no longer recited in the claims.

With respect to claims 15 and 18 reciting “the premises of the building”, that feature is deleted from those claims.

In view of the presently submitted amendments, each of claims 1-5 and 14-19 is believed to be in full compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Addressing now each of the prior art rejections, those rejections are traversed by the present response.

Each of the claims is amended by the present response to no longer refer to a “multi-dimensional” structure or information. The claims now more specifically refer to a “three-dimensional” structure or information. Such a feature is believed to distinguish the claims over all the applied art.

Applicants note paragraph 39 of the Office Action pointed out that the phrase “multi-dimensional structure” was a very broad term and that the applicant should consider utilizing a narrower term. In view of that suggestion in the Office Action, and as noted above, the claims now refer to a “three-dimensional” structure or information.

Applicants respectfully submit the applied art does not disclose utilizing or storing information pertaining to a three-dimensional structure. The claimed invention can realize a destination guidance system for guiding in a three-dimensional structure, such as a railway station.

In contrast to the claimed features, the device in Narioka is directed to an apparatus and method for providing map information regarding the outdoors. A typical example of such a system is car navigation. In contrast to such a system as in Narioka, the claims relate to a destination guidance system for guiding in a *three-dimensional structure*, such as a railway station, and which differs from the map information system in Narioka.

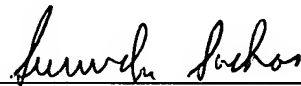
Similarly to Narioka, Ranjan and Boyce are directed to guidance systems for a map. Thus, Ranjan and Boyce also do not disclose or suggest generating information pertaining to guidance on a *three-dimensional* structure.

Moreover, no teachings in Fukushima can overcome the above-discussed deficiencies of Narioka, Ranjan, or Boyce. In such ways, the claims as currently written are believed to distinguish over the applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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